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The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR IN THE STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 32-1o of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
5 not be limited to, the following:

6 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such
7 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
8 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
9 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic
10 trend analysis and projections;

11 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
12 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut

13 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,
14 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,
15 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,
16 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
17 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
18 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
19 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
20 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
21 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
22 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

23 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
24 or declining within the state;

25 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state, including,
26 but not limited to, the technology sector, that (A) identifies those
27 industry sectors and emerging technologies that are of current or
28 future importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its
29 global competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors
30 need for continued growth, [and] (C) identifies those industry sectors'
31 current and potential impediments to growth, and (D) for the
32 technology sector, identifies areas in the state that contain resources to
33 best support such growth;

34 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
35 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
36 the past and current economic, community and housing development
37 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
38 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the
39 performance of the current economic, community and housing
40 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
41 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
42 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
43 Connecticut;

44 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
45 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty

46 years;

47 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
48 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
49 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve
50 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:

51 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
52 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
53 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and
54 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
55 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
56 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
57 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
58 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
59 management of physical development;

60 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
61 section;

62 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
63 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
64 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
65 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
66 methodology;

67 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
68 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
69 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;

70 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
71 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
72 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
73 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
74 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
75 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
76 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
77 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of

78 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a
79 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

80 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the
81 development, research and economic assistance matching grant
82 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and

83 (13) Any other responsible growth information that the
84 commissioner deems appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2015	32-1o(c)
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CE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to include an analysis of the state's technology sector and emerging technologies in the state's four year economic plan.

DECD published the most current strategic plan in spring 2014. Within the 2014 report, DECD provides a succinct overview and statistics on six of the state's industry clusters. It is anticipated that DECD will conduct the analysis on the technology sector in a similar manner as the analyses on the industry clusters. Such an analysis can be done with existing staff and resources.

CGS 32-1o requires the strategic plan to be published every four years. The next report is therefore anticipated in 2018.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Source: Connecticut's Economic Development Strategy – Spring 2014

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5392*****AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR IN THE STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the economic and community development commissioner to include an analysis of the state's technology sector and emerging technologies in the state's four-year economic plan, due in 2019. She must include this analysis in the section of the plan that focuses on the state's targeted industry sectors. The analysis must identify the state's technology sector, the resources needed to sustain its growth, the current and potential forces that could impede that growth, and the geographic areas that have the resources needed to support the sector.

Under current law, the plan must (1) analyze different aspects of the state's economy, including the factors impeding economic growth; (2) specify short- and long-term goals; and (3) identify the extent to which the state is meeting those goals. The current plan covers 2011-2015 and expires June 30, 2015. The subsequent plan covers 2015-2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

BACKGROUND***Strategic Economic Plan Content***

Under current law, the plan among other things, must:

1. review and evaluate the state's economy;
2. review and analyze the factors, issues, and forces impeding economic development and responsible growth statewide and regionally;

3. identify and analyze the state's economic clusters and, as noted above, the state's targeted industry sectors;
4. review and evaluate how the state is organized for economic development;
5. articulate where the state should be in five, 10, 15, and 20 years;
6. set and rank clear and measurable goals and objectives based on specified criteria;
7. recommend how the state can achieve its strategic goals, estimate how much it could cost to do so, and project the returns to the state on its investments; and
8. review and evaluate how well specified programs are doing.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/19/2015)